

GOMPERS SCORES SUPREMACY OF DEFENDERS

Declares Latter Were Treated Unjustly by Recent Decision.

In a sensational editorial, printed in the latest number of the *Federationist*, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers compares the decision of the Supreme Court in the *Danbury Hatters' case*, the famous *Dred Scott* decision of slave days. He says the action of the court reverts to medieval procedure, that the Supreme Court in entering the legislative sphere, and declares that it erred in this decision.

President Gompers says that in view of the court's decision, whether it be just or not, and the fact that it laid the organizations and individuals composing it liable to monetary damages and imprisonment, he feels obliged to discontinue the "We don't patronize list."

Makes Harsh Comparison.

Comparing the decision in the *Hatters' case* to the *Dred Scott* decision, President Gompers says that the *Hatters' case* is much more far reaching, and the most important ever handed down by the Supreme Court.

"The *Dred Scott* decision," he says, "affected a few chattel slaves, who could make their escape to a free State, but this decision touches the working men and women of all America. The war annulled the *Dred Scott* decision, and no man today points to it proudly. President Gompers avers that the complaint of the *Loewe Company*, which was set forth in full in the decision, while the *Hatters' answer* was almost ignored, is full of glaring inaccuracies and misstatements, and that none of the precedents quoted paralleled the case.

"The court is in error," said Mr. Gompers in denying its charge that the American Federation had declared a boycott against the *Loewe Company*. "It never had endorsed or declared a boycott against the company. No request for such action in any manner or form had been received from the *Hatters' Union*."

"We regard the members of the Supreme Bench as upright and incorruptible," continues Mr. Gompers, "and we do not agree with those who charge the court with sinister motives, but while expressing our confidence in the integrity of the court, we must also say, that being human, we do not consider it infallible. Right or wrong, there is no appeal from its decision."

Protests Against Courts.

"We are proud of the institutions of our country, and try to uphold them with all our power, but we do protest against the assumption of law making power by the courts. In assuming such functions, they invade the sphere of the legislative and executive, which must necessarily result injuriously to the very fabric of our Republic."

Mr. Gompers then attacks the procedure of the court in recent labor decisions, and says that it tends to revert to the medieval, rather than to the application of legal principles to the present industrial situation. He says the lifelong surroundings and associations of the judges have been such that they have not been brought in personal contact with industrial problems, and adds significantly that the *Hatters' case* is a sorb most of his point of view from his environment. The language of the decision makes it clear that the court has not informed itself on modern economics.

Mr. Gompers says that the interpretation of the law by no means the intent of the Congress which enacted it, or any Congress since, and he quotes debates to prove it, and says also that it has fallen far short of its intended purpose. He makes an appeal to Congress to amend or modify the Sherman law so that there will be no question as to its application.

TEN BREEZY, STRENUOUS MICHIGAN BOYS ROMPGAYLY THROUGH NATION'S CAPITAL



TEN HAPPY VISITORS FROM MICHIGAN.

At the Top, Mr. Morris. Top Line—Eric Olson, Cecil McDonald, Emmil Brissette, Douglass Buchanan. Lower Line—Farnsworth Barlow, Chester Barrand, Donald Carrigan, Earle Sattler, C. Vanderslip.

In Picturesque Attire, They Hobnob With President, Senators, and Representatives—All Are Happy, Except Their Weary Guide.

From that illustrious State, known for its crops and its birth records, the glorious Michigan, have arrived in this city ten youths, who, since their arrival, have been rapidly and intelligently setting Washington by the ears. In forty-eight hours they have hobnobbed familiarly with Representatives, associated themselves with Senators, talked political economy and initiative and referendum with the President of

the United States, and the end is not yet. These ten youths arrived in the city yesterday morning. They are boys who were elected by popular vote to visit the National Capital. In company with a weary, unhappy looking gentleman, by the name of Morris, the half-dozen of healthy, hearty, and decidedly energetic lads have been running rampant through town, looking at the Monument,

shocking dignified public officials by bumping into them, dining with notables and otherwise conducting themselves in a thoroughly cheerful manner.

No Fear of Being Lost.

The boys are unformed, lest they should get lost. Each member of the party wears a slouch hat, and a sweater that once, long ago, was white. These precautions are useless. Boys like those you cannot lose. Mr. Morris, as he smiled vainly and suggests the comforts of their hotel, after tramping ten miles to see sights, looks as though he would give much to temporarily mislay about nine-tenths of the party.

Today the party marched over to the White House, walked past the amazed and gasping guards, and, hat in hand, paid their respects to President Roosevelt. "Delighted, boys," said Mr. Roosevelt. "So you were elected to take this trip

by the voters of your State. You should feel proud."

With the exception of Mr. Morris the party looked as though it felt proud. Mr. Morris looked unhappy, and as though he felt lost.

"All good, healthy, strenuous American boys," commented the President, smiling all around.

"Yes," breathed Mr. Morris gently, "they are strenuous." The official handshake was then passed around and the boys seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

"Gee, he's got a good grip," remarked one after having pressed the official palm.

The boys stayed in the President's room for fully a half an hour. They will be in town until Thursday, and they confidently expect, with the aid of Mr. Morris, to see everything worth seeing.

MASONIC LODGE HOLDS REUNION

Two Hundred and Fifty Guests Gather in Georgetown Hall.

With good fellowship and cordiality, the thirty-ninth annual reunion and banquet of George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 25, was fittingly celebrated last night in the Masonic Hall, in Georgetown. Many distinguished Masons were among the 250 guests that sat down to the banquet tables. The walls of the hall were draped in a profusion of American flags entwined with greens and palm branches.

The guests were welcomed by William A. Brodie, master of the lodge. Most Worshipful Grand Master A. B. Coolidge responded to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," and touched briefly upon the history of that lodge in the District.

Representative William M. Calder of New York, Representative Edgar D. Crumpacker of Indiana, Representative Herman P. Goebel of Ohio, Judge Ivory Kimball, W. B. Bornbaum, D. P. Dumbert, and E. W. Maren were the speakers. Senator Anslem J. McLaure of Mississippi, who was scheduled to speak on the "Leaven of Masonry," was unable to attend, and Judge Kimball, of the police court responded to the toast. Those who were in charge of the entertainment were W. E. Greaves, H. K. Piper, I. B. Nordlinger, E. H. Fowler, R. H. Young, C. C. Kennon, E. D. Smith, H. H. Harrison, D. F. Dumbert, and Gustave Karger.

PANIC AT AN END; TREASURY CALLS

Banks Well Able to Meet Cortelyou's Demand for \$35,000,000.

Favorable response as to the advisability of withdrawing a portion of the Government money loaned to depository institutions during the financial stringency were received by Secretary Cortelyou from all parts of the country today. From these responses it would appear that the consensus of opinion among bankers is that the abnormal conditions now have subsided to a point where the Secretary of the Treasury is justified in recalling approximately \$35,000,000 of the large sums which were poured out by him toward the close of last year to relieve the money situation, a call for which has just been issued by him.

The action of the Secretary was not prompted by any special need of money by the Treasury Department, although the working cash balance is now only about \$24,000,000. The withdrawals mean that he believes the time has been reached when it is safe to begin the process of contraction without endangering the money market.

The call made by Secretary Cortelyou is for 35 per cent of the public funds now held in active and inactive depositories having \$100,000 or more.

At the close of business yesterday the amount of deposits of Government moneys in the depository banks was approximately \$240,000,000.

DROPS TO DEATH WHILE AT PLAY

Boy Goes Over Cliff From Ruins of Old Fort Hope.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—James Drogan, Jr., son of a wealthy saloonkeeper who lives at 106 Morningside avenue, west, was instantly killed last night after falling from old Fort Hope at the northern end of Morningside Park, down the precipice into 123d street, 100 feet below.

His body struck another boy who was walking along the street, knocking him down. The boy was not injured, however, as he picked himself up and ran away.

Jacob Muller and Joseph Casey picked up the boy's crushed body and carried it to a nearby grocery store. An ambulance was summoned from the J. H. Wright Hospital, but the boy was dead. Young Drogan, who was twelve years old, was playing about the old fort with some of his friends. The spot is a favorite playground with the children of the neighborhood, and the fact that it is dangerous only adds to its attractions.

From the ruins of the fort the cliff drops straight down, a sheer hundred feet to the street. There are jagged rocks all the way down the side of the cliff and at the top an iron railing is supposed to keep everyone away from the edge.

Outside the railing is a shelf of the rock from eight to twenty inches wide, and it is a favorite pastime of the boys to do "stunts" and walk along this narrow shelf outside the railing.

Lee's Veterans Refuse to Fire In Play on Flag

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 25.—For several weeks arrangements for a sham battle on March 19 at the National Live Stock Show in Fort Worth have been in progress. The participants are to be the Confederate Guards of Dallas and an army made up of Texas National guardsmen.

The final meeting for arrangements was held last night. Captain Daniel of the Confederate Guard announced that his command would not participate if the militiamen used the American flag. "Under no circumstances will we fire on the Stars and Stripes, not even in a sham battle," declared Captain Daniel. "We stopped doing that in 1865."

Rather than have the sham battle abandoned the managers of the event decided to have the national guardsmen use some other set of colors.

The Confederate Guard will carry the flag of the Southern Confederacy in the sham conflict.

THRASHES HER HUSBAND; CURES HIM OF DRINKING

GOWRIE, Iowa, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Ivan Holgre declares she has the gold cure for drunkards beaten, and points to her husband, who, although black and blue from head to foot, insists that his thirst for liquor is entirely gone.

Exasperated by his drink, Mrs. Holgre sewed her husband between two blankets yesterday while he was under the influence of liquor, and then with a horse whip belabored him until he promised to sign the pledge.

LABOR INDORSES SULZER MEASURE

Central Union Strongly Favors Proposed Department.

The bill introduced in the House by Representative Sulzer of New York, providing for the creation of a department of labor, was indorsed by the Central Labor Union last night, after slight opposition. Emmet L. Adams opposed the measure, declaring that the present Department of Commerce and Labor had been created to look after the interests of organized labor, but that it had fallen short of the mark.

"The office now is one of political activity and partisanship," he said, "and its secretary is rarely if ever on the side of labor. It would be better, if we would concentrate our efforts toward getting a friendly man at the head of this department."

Delegates DeNedrey, Brinkman, and McCarthy declared that it was a step in the right direction, and that even if the Secretary of Labor were not a sympathizer, it would be pleasant to have a representative in the Cabinet, in name, at least.

Upon motion of Delegate Ross, a resolution was passed appointing a committee to secure the written pledges of all candidates for the Republican and Democratic national conventions against Secretary Taft, and any other man unfavorable to organized labor. Those candidates who pledge their support as opposed to Secretary Taft will receive the indorsement of organized labor.

Notice of the action taken was sent broadcast over the country with the request to other central bodies that they take similar action.

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